

The Value of One Trillion

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Today, the CBO reaffirmed that the President's health care plan will grow government by trillions of dollars. In addition, the CBO recently scored President Obama's budget proposal, reporting that the administration plans to increase the national debt by \$9.7 trillion over the next 10 years. In light of the fact that the President continues to throw around trillions of dollars at will, the RSC prepared the following document to provide some useful—and lighthearted—examples of ways to convey how much one trillion really adds up to.

We'll Need More Tour Guides

The cost of building the U.S Capitol Visitors Center was \$621,000,000. With one trillion dollars, you could build 1,610 of these underground wonders, eight for every nation in the world.

New Jersey Just Got Much Faster

A Maserati GranTurismo is worth about \$117,500. With one trillion dollars, you could buy 8,510,638 of these speedsters, roughly one for every person in the state of New Jersey.

Now Everyone Can Set Their Life to Music - Everyone

With one trillion dollars, you could buy each person in the world an iPod.

Her Enigmatic Smile is Worth It...Right?

While some may say she's priceless, according to her insured value, one trillion dollars could pay for roughly 1,400 Mona Lisas.

GOOOOOOOAL!!!

With one trillion dollars, we could fund the next 2,700 FIFA World Cups, covering operating costs until the year 12810.

The Tooth Fairy Feeling Generous.

One trillion dollars could give every kid in the world \$455.

This House is on the House

With the median sales price for a new home in America at a little more than \$200,000, we could build, with one trillion dollars, a brand new abode for 5 million American families. Shovel Ready!

No Mortgage? I'm going to Cabo!

With no mortgage payment, that would free up a lot of cash for travel. With one trillion dollars, you could send every American to the all-inclusive Hotel Meliá Cabo Real, with an ocean front master suite, for an entire week (double occupancy, of course).

Blue Aliens Aren't That Impressive

The highest grossing film of all time, "Avatar," would have to be 383 times cooler to reach one trillion dollars at the box office.

That Would Be A Lot of Crying Women

With the average engagement ring costing about \$3,800, we could afford to make 263,157,894 single ladies really happy.

I'm Willing To Bet the Bride and Groom Aren't Registered at Wal-Mart

Steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal gave his daughter the most expensive wedding in all of history, spending an estimated \$60 million. With one trillion dollars, Mittal can afford to marry off 16,666 more daughters.

Rocketing Away Our Future

Since so much of this spending will be the burden of the next generations, perhaps we should think futuristically. The world's first commercially available jetpack has arrived, with a price tag of \$75,000. With one trillion dollars, 1.3 million of us could be blasting off.

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